



Kyle Ray Cupps

September 30, 1983 - September 11, 2014

SSgt. Kyle Ray Cupps of Empire, AL, our loving son, went home to be with his loving Savior on Sept. 11, 2014. Born Sept. 30, 1983, he was a graduate of Vestavia High School, class of 2002.

He joined the U.S. Air Force in 2002. He serves 9 years and 3 months in Ramstein, Germany and Aviano, Italy with the 735th Civil Engineering Squadron. He completed five deployments to Qatar, Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya. He was Airman of the year in 2006 at Ramstein Air Base. Kyle was an excellent athlete and an expert marksman. He graduated from the College of the Air Force with degrees in Operations Management and Information Systems Technology.

Funeral services will be Tuesday September 16, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the New Horizon Memorial Chapel. Rev. Bruce LeVan will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow at New Horizon Memorial Gardens. Visitation is Monday from 6-8 pm at the funeral home.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Janice and Cecil Cupps of Empire and John "Jack" Henzler of Cape Coral, FL.

He leaves his wife Tanja Bar Cupps; a son, Reno Jordan Cupps; and daughter, Hailey Cupps, all of Kaiserlauten, Germany; his parents, Mike and Debbie Cupps of Empire; brother, Jordan Michael Cupps of Vestavia and his girlfriend, Kristen Walker of Opelika; grandmother, Judith Henzler; great grandmother; Clara Johnson; and his aunt, Sandy King, all of Cape Coral, FL; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, Kyle would like donation be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org in memory of SSgt. Kyle Ray Cupps.

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home, Dora directing 205-648-2323

Cemetery Details

New Horizon Memorial Gardens

5203 Hollis Goodwin Rd.

Dora, AL 35062

(205) 648-8749

<http://www.newhorizonmemorial.com>

Tribute Wall

SL

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for your family.



Sara Smith Lawless - September 17, 2014 at 08:11 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for your family.



Sara Smith Lawless - September 17, 2014 at 05:38 PM

RM

“ I will always remember Kyle for the joy he brought to others. His smile could light up a room. He will forever be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Reid Maclellan - September 16, 2014 at 09:55 AM

NH

“ I played baseball with Kyle at Vestavia. He was always cracking jokes and always managed to make the hours of practice a little bit better. After 13 years I still tell my friends fond and funny stories about some of his stunts. Kyle was a really great guy, a great teammate, and I will miss him. My deepest condolences to his family. -Nathan Howard

Nathan Howard - September 16, 2014 at 08:50 AM

HC

I was Reading the comments and ITS Sounds Like my dad was a awesome Guy

Hailey cupps - September 07, 2023 at 02:16 PM

DE

Yes he was ❤️

deborh - September 12, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ NEW HORIZON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

Zack

Sep 16 at 2:32 AM

Kyle could make me laugh harder than anyone I've ever met. We became friends and teammates early in high school, at Vestavia, and I will never forget how I became a part of the Cupps family within weeks of knowing them. I will remember and thank Kyle for showing me how important it is to have a huge heart, and a great sense of humor. Thanks for being my friend Buddy.

Zack Murray - September 16, 2014 at 02:37 AM



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Zack Murray - September 16, 2014 at 02:32 AM

JY

“ I remember Kyle as a child coming in the sporting store , ready for baseball season to start. An excellent athlete, very friendly with a sweet and charming personality. He never failed to say hello and ask "Do you remember me?"

Joan Yow - September 15, 2014 at 07:02 PM

JK

“ I spent 6 months at Al Dhafra with Kyle working right outside my office door. He was bigger than life then and always ready and willing to do any job I need him to. He loved going out with the other shops and doing work. I was later stationed with him at Ramstein and had a lot of really good talks with Kyle. I'll miss you Kyle, I hope your next journey is a good one...Chief K

James Kindler - September 15, 2014 at 02:14 PM

JF

“ I'm deeply saddened by the news of Kyle's death. We were always very fond of him, and enjoyed the many times he came to visit us and Tony. God bless you all. John David and Cathy Ferguson

john david and Cathy Ferguson - September 14, 2014 at 09:33 AM

MH

“ Melvin Harris lit a candle in memory of Kyle Ray Cupps



Melvin Harris - September 14, 2014 at 07:22 AM

WE

“Cupps was an enthusiastic, bombastic, big-hearted friend that squeezed more life out of his thirty years than most individuals could in seventy. He was the kind of guy that would do anything for a friend – such as crow-hopping a degenerate, or extinguishing the flames that engulf you when a cigarette falls from your lip in the back of his brother’s truck. Cupps was one of my first friends to have an infant and I witnessed a seismic shift in his actions and his behaviors – he became a father and everything else came second. He will be in our thoughts often and sorely missed by the Webb clan. “Good night sweet prince.”

Webb - September 14, 2014 at 07:22 AM

NC

“Nellie & Howie Conklin lit a candle in memory of Kyle Ray Cupps



Nellie & Howie Conklin - September 13, 2014 at 01:32 PM

NC

Lit a candle in memory of Kyle. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Debbie, Mike, Jordan and family in this time of sorrow.

Nellie & Howie Conklin - September 13, 2014 at 01:39 PM

JG

“ I remember Kyle as being a good friend who I shared many laughs and experiences with. He joined the military shortly after we graduated high school and I was so proud of him for all of his accomplishments he made while over seas. I was fortunate enough to have spent time with Kyle on two different occasions, while he was stationed in Germany. They are times that I still frequently talk about and share with other's.

Kyle was the type of person that keep a room laughing and he so full of life. I will miss you buddy.

Jeb Golden - September 13, 2014 at 09:18 AM

SH

“ Stephanie Hamm lit a candle in memory of Kyle Ray Cupps



Stephanie Hamm - September 13, 2014 at 12:02 AM

JA

“ Kyle could always make me laugh, the best of jokes was taking bites out of fruit on Chief's desk on a almost daily basis. May he always live in our hearts and memories. Love you brother. Carr

Jason - September 12, 2014 at 11:43 PM



“ Brint Spinazzola lit a candle in memory of Kyle Ray Cupps



Brint Spinazzola - September 12, 2014 at 10:51 PM

 Robert
Reader

“ I had the honor and privilege to serve along side Kyle at Ramstein and on a few deployments. He was always happy and never afraid to get his hands dirty. Kyle you will be missed but never forgotten. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mike, Debbie and Jordan.

TSgt (Rob) Reader

Robert Reader - September 12, 2014 at 08:47 PM

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Jeb Golden - September 12, 2014 at 05:02 PM

CH

“ I remember an outgoing, charasmatic, talented young man - praying for comfort and reassurance for Mike, Debbie and Jordan. Love, Mary Ann & Craig Hyde

Craig Hyde - September 12, 2014 at 08:32 AM



“ *Skylar Connolly lit a candle in memory of Kyle Ray Cupps*



Skylar Connolly - September 12, 2014 at 08:19 AM

C"

“ *CHRISTIE "WATSON" REED lit a candle in memory of Kyle Ray Cupps*



CHRISTIE "WATSON" REED - September 11, 2014 at 09:22 PM

AP

I remember a very happy and outgoing young man and he always made me laugh! We are all saddened and heart broken by this tragedy! My prayers and thoughts go out to Mike, Debbie and Jordan. We love you all very much!

Anne Place - September 12, 2014 at 10:52 AM